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Read and Discover

Appositives

Lesson 7

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- a. Lonesome George is a Galapagos giant tortoise.
- b. Lonesome George, a Galapagos giant tortoise, lives on an island off the coast of Ecuador.

Draw a box around the phrase in sentence b. that tells who or what Lonesome George is. What punctuation marks separate this phrase from the rest of the sentence? _____

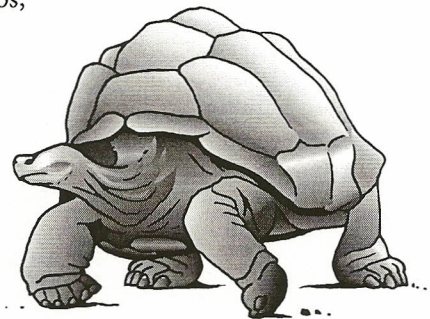
An **appositive** is a phrase that identifies a noun. An appositive follows the noun it identifies and is usually separated from the rest of the sentence by commas.

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Part 1

Underline the appositive in each sentence. Draw a box around the noun it identifies.

1. The Galapagos Archipelago, a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, is located on the equator.
2. Galapagos, a province of Ecuador, is home to a large variety of plants and animals.
3. *Archipelago* comes from the term *galapago*, the Spanish word for saddle.
4. The shells of some tortoises on the islands resemble a *galapago*, a type of British riding saddle.
5. Giant tortoises, perhaps the most famous animals in the Galapagos, can weigh over 500 pounds and can live for more than 150 years.
6. One male Galapagos giant tortoise, Lonesome George, is from Pinta Island in the Galapagos.
7. Lonesome George, one of the last known survivors of his species, is thought to be between 60 and 90 years old.
8. Giant tortoises are also found in the Seychelles, a group of islands in the western Indian Ocean.
9. The Seychelles are located about 1,000 miles east of Kenya, a country in East Africa.
10. The Aldabra Atoll in the outer Seychelles is home to about 152,000 giant tortoises, the world's largest population of the animal.
11. Adwaitya, a giant Aldabra tortoise, died in March 2006 at the age of 255.
12. The tortoise had been living at the Alipore Zoo in Kolkata, an Indian city formerly known as Calcutta.
13. Subir Chowdhury, director of the Alipore Zoo, said records show that the tortoise was born in 1750.
14. The giant tortoise was given as a gift to Robert Clive, one of the founders of British rule in India, in 1875.
15. The tortoise's name, *Adwaitya*, comes from a Sanskrit word meaning "the only one."



The Galapagos giant tortoise is one of the largest tortoises on Earth.